

Friends of the Lester Public Library of Rome Minutes - August 7, 2020 - 9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Roll call of officers – Present were President - Ron Fregien, Vice President – Judy Ontl, Secretary – Jeanne Osgood Treasurer – Barb Herreid

Fern Fregien/Roberta Stoldt motioned to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on 6/30/2020. Carried.

Financial Report given by Barb Herreid. Fern/Roberta motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Carried.

Election of Officers – There were no Nominations from the floor. Linda O'Dell/Roberta Stoldt moved to nominate the four current officers to another term. Carried.

Librarian's Report – Renee Daley reported she did not purchase the canopies because of the grass being too uneven. The staff held the kid's craft days on the hard surface of the parking lot which worked fine. Parents liked the virtual summer reading program and the craft kits to go is popular with families, too. Because of the Covid, money for programs has not been spent, so Renee is purchasing new educational kits for the children's area, along with some new Bean Bags for kids to sit on, and new decorating ideas. Library staff members are getting comments from patrons on how beautiful the gardens look this summer. Herbs are ready to be cut – bring your own baggies and scissors to snip leaves. Reminder – no donations of books are being accepted at this time. Please don't put them in the drop box.

Old Business

- a. Covid 19 Update for library patrons – hours are now 10-5 daily, no Saturdays or Sundays. Masks are mandated by the Governor of Wisconsin and a sign is on the door. She has not had trouble with patrons on masks.
- b. Totes for storage of books -Renee will choose what she wants, and Barb Herreid will purchase them from Friends funds.
- c. Program schedule for fall/winter 2020 – Only one program is scheduled for October. Library is working on a day by day

schedule and staying in touch with other libraries around the area.

2. New Business

- a. Book sale – discussion was held on how to do this safely during the pandemic. Decision was to hold a Mystery Bag Sale the last week in October. Books will be bagged by volunteers into genres and sold by the bag. Set up will be determined at the next Friends meeting on Oct. 2. Following the bag sale may be a virtual sale with pictures and prices posted on the library website.

Library staff will get the boxes of books into the community room for sorting. Library staff will make tags for the book bags. Renee will help with pricing the bags. Children's kits that are being replaced will be put in bags for the sale by staff as they are working on them. They will also take pictures in case this part of the sale has to be virtual.

- b. Promote joining the Friends of the Library – get some fliers ready to put in Mystery Bags, get poster board set up to promote Friends when they come to pick up their Mystery Bags, possibly sponsor a program later in the year if that can be done with safety. One person may make a Free Little Library to be put on library grounds for exchanges of materials sponsored by the Friends,
- c. Planning volunteer events/opportunities for members of the Friends of the Library – will be on poster and handouts. Limited now because of the pandemic.

3. Other Business – Renee has a Nesco donated to the library. Friends can keep it and store it in the shed until needed by Library or Friends group.

4. Barb Herreid/Jeanne Osgood motioned to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

5. Next meeting – October 2, 2020 at the library. Social distancing will be practiced and please wear a mask. Items on the agenda will include: Schedules to set up Book Sale, and to work the days of the book sale and promotional material for Friends group.